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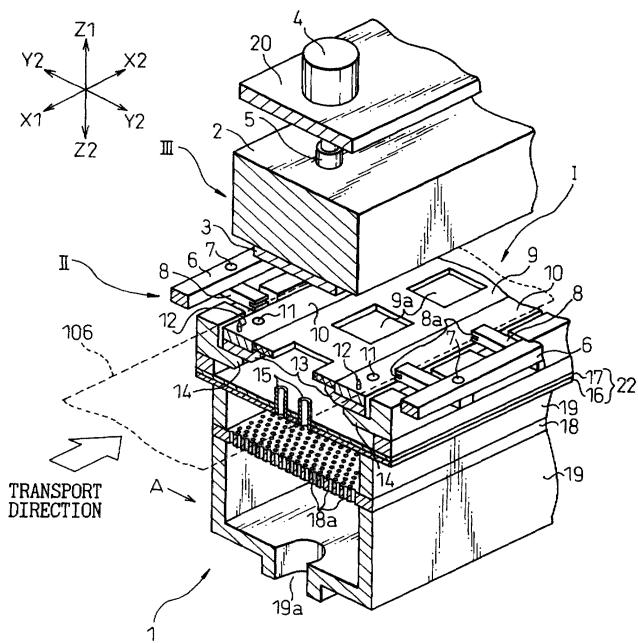
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(54) Plating system

(57) A plating system able to gold plate only inner leads (102a) of a TAB frame (106), is provided with a mask (9) having an opening (9a) formed to correspond to the region to be plated and provided horizontally; an elevating means (II) for lowering the TAB frames (106)

toward the mask (9); and a pressing means (III) for pressing the TAB frame (106) on to the mask (9); a plating solution being sprayed from nozzles (15) below the openings (9a) toward the openings (9a) to plate the plating region.

Fig.1





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